

## **REGENERATION PARTNERS RESPOND TO SUB-NATIONAL REVIEW**

Three of the biggest national players in economic development and regeneration have outlined their commitment to work closely together to deliver sustainable economic growth across England - in a significant partnership agreement.

It comes in a joint response to the Government's consultation on the Sub National Review of Economic Development and Regeneration (SNR) by the Core Cities, Regional Development Agencies and the Homes and Communities Agency.

Their submission recognises the importance of cities as drivers of growth and highlights the robust and successful partnerships between cities and regions, which will form an important base for the SNR's new way of working.

The agreement reinforces the partners' commitment to make the most of the opportunities offered by SNR, which include working through new Integrated Regional Strategies; the need to empower regions and cities to deliver their priorities; and the importance of leadership and collaboration.

The partners stress the importance of SNR's core objective of delivering increased sustainable economic growth and make recommendations on aligning national funding with regional and city regional priorities; maintaining momentum; and the Regional Funding Allocation process.

Chris Murray, Director of the Core Cities group, said: "This joint work represents a real milestone in achieving sustainable economic development and we have had unanimous agreement from the Leaders of the 8 Core Cities in taking it forward. Together with their 8 city regions, these places account for 25.5% of England's economy, more than London, have 16 million residents and contain significant deprivation. Unless we are able to prioritise the places that will deliver growth – the Core Cities plus other major urban areas – we will not achieve it. It is important not to forget that we also need to

work with regional and local partners to create a wider access to the benefits of that growth across all communities.”

Sir Bob Kerslake, Chief Executive Designate of the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) said: “By working together with our partners – RDAs, local authorities and other regional stakeholders – the HCA will be able to achieve its objectives for sustainable growth and renewal. We need to have a joint approach to investment that takes account of local ambitions at the same time as recognising regional and national priorities. Our partnership with the RDAs and Core Cities puts this joint investment planning model at the heart of how we will work.”

Speaking on behalf of the Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) Margaret Fay, One NorthEast Chairman, said: “The proposals in the SNR point the way to partners at local, regional, sub-regional and national levels working jointly on improving governance and decision-making so that we can focus on the key tasks and priorities needed to deliver sustainable economic growth.

“This partnership is hugely significant - all three organisations have stressed their commitment to making SNR a success. At such a critical time for the economy, it has never been so important for us to work together to deliver sustainable economic growth in our regions and city regions, and to sustain the interest and engagement of the business sector and other national, regional and local partners through the new integrated regional strategy.”

The joint submission can be viewed at [www.englishsrdas.com](http://www.englishsrdas.com)

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